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COMMENT OF THE DAY

World Of Initials

IT has been recently noted by a commentator that international relations today are more and more being governed by a complex and confusing assortment of organisations, councils, committees and sub-committees all carrying high-sounding names which are immediately reduced to easily-forgotten and meaningless initials. The latest is the European Defence Community (EDC) to which Britain this week gave certain guarantees in the event of war. Britain is a member of NATO, but not of EDC, and France, Italy and Benelux are members of EDC and NATO.

While West Germany belongs to EDC but not to NATO, Britain is a member of Western Union, but America is not, and neither is Italy. Yet Western Union is more or less merged into NATO. Few can find their way surely through this amazing tangle. If such a position arises in domestic legislation it is often put right by a clarifying act. There seems to be good reason for the existing foreign complex to be straightened out also, for at the moment the process of making life difficult is going on in every sphere, all the time, all over the world.

TODAY the backward races cannot progress without a Point Four Programme, a Colombo Plan, an ECAFE, ECLA, ECOSOC, UNESCO, UNIO, WIO, and goodness knows what else—all check-a-block with committees, establishments, missions, advisory bodies, experts and vast masses of earnest work. Nobody can escape the trend. The present generation is creating a sort of mad world—and it is littered with portentous initials which few people understand. The initials themselves do not matter much—it is the bodies they represent which bear down and catch the world up in their endless tentacles. A suggestion has been advanced by one London newspaper. It is to create a body known as STWDL, which means Simplify The Whole Darned Lot. It is the considered opinion of that newspaper if such an organisation could be got going with a world-wide membership our lives would be easier, and safer.

Seek Unusual Censure

London, Apr. 24. Four Labour Members of Parliament today put forward a censure motion on the Speaker (Chairman) of the House of Commons, Mr. William S. Morrison.

They accused him of giving permission to another Labour Member of Parliament to speak early this morning in an all-night debate—then shutting him up before he had time to say anything by accepting a motion closing the sitting.

The censure motion will be discussed in the House of Commons, unless the four Members decide to withdraw it.

The last time a similar motion was tabled was nearly 20 years ago.—*Reuter.*

Death Of World Famed Singer

New York, Apr. 24. Elizabeth Schumann, the famous German-born opera and Lied singer, who became an American citizen during the last war, died here last night after an illness.

She was 63.

She was a direct descendant of Heinrich Schütz, one of the great sopranos of German music.

Elizabeth was born in Thüringen, where her father was an organist. Though she had a first-class operatic career, she was particularly beloved as a Lied singer.

She made her opera debut at Hamburg in 1910. She was at the Vienna State Opera from 1910 to 1928 and had a long musical association there with Richard Strauss, the composer and conductor.

Her most famous operatic role was as Sophie in his Rosenkavalier.

When Austria was annexed by the Nazis, she made her home in the United States. But before she left Austria she had gained one of the greatest honours Vienna could offer a singer, she was made an Honorary Member of the Vienna State Opera and the Vienna Philharmonic.

Critics praised Elizabeth Schumann's poetic diction and her regard for text and phrase. Her favourite composers were Mozart, Schubert, Schumann, Hugo Wolf and Richard Strauss.—*Reuter.*

Urban Council Chairman

Testifies At Sedition Trial

DESCRIBES TRANSLATION AS FAIR, BUT "POSSIBLY COLOURLESS"

The Hon. K. M. A. Barnett, Chairman of the Urban Council and Deputy Chairman of the Board of Examiners (for the Chinese language) went into the witness box this morning when the trial of the publisher, printer and editor of the Ta Kung Pao on charges of sedition was resumed before Mr Justice Williams at the Supreme Court. Mr Barnett was called to express his views on the official translation of the alleged offending article which appeared in the March 5 issue of the Ta Kung Pao.

At one stage witness read extracts in Chinese. He also said that the use of the words "British authorities" in the article was amusing. He contended that the writer was trying to avoid using the phrase "Government of Hongkong," although in each instance the use of "British Authorities" quite obviously referred to the Hongkong Government.

Mr Percy Chen, leading counsel for the defence began his cross-examination after Mr Barnett had been in the witness box an hour giving his evidence.

The Hon. Kenneth Myer Barnett was the first witness called this morning. He said that he was a Cadet Officer Class 1, Chairman of the Urban Council and a member of the Legislative Council.

Witness said he was acquainted with the Chinese language in several forms. He spoke Cantonese well, a little Hakka but understood it well. He also spoke Southern Mandarin, which was the mother tongue of his wife, and he had pottered around with some other dialects.

Regarding the written Chinese language, the witness said that he had studied ancient classical Chinese and the historical style and was very familiar with the modern, novelist style with which he had always kept up. It was a style that was still growing, he added. The newspaper style was really a development of the historical style.

Witness said he also had knowledge of the comparative philology of written Chinese and had studied written Japanese; he spoke a little Japanese but not too well. He was the author of a paper, which was really a critique of another writer on the romanisation of the Chinese character system. This paper had been adopted by the London University and the Civil Service Commission.

Mr Barnett said that he had been nearly 18 years in China and Hongkong and had passed all the Government language examinations in Cantonese and written Chinese. He was deputy chairman of the Board of Examiners.

Witness explained that the Chinese liked to use words in pairs. "Sai" meant to kill by beheading, specifically but not necessarily. "To sai" was to butcher men like animals.

Mr Hooton then turned to the words "systematically" and "premeditatedly" which appeared in the translation. "Systematically" said witness, was a good translation of "you po che" and the use of "premeditatedly" for "intentionally" was a reasonable translation. "A plan" was the usual meaning of "intention" and probably a more accurate translation of the combined words would be "in a planned and systematic manner."

Of the use of "bloody," appearing in the context, Mr Barnett said that "huot sang" was a peculiar word which meant a strong and pungent smell. He said that the author was keeping up the metaphor of the slaughter house and it was a good translation.

Witness next dealt with the term "barbarous" which in Chinese is "yeh men." Originally it applied to the non-Chinese people living in the wild country and forests. It was just like the words "savage" and "barbarian"—people who were behaving in an uncivilised manner. He pointed out that "yeh" in Japanese had developed into meaning stupid and dullish.

Reading in Chinese from a paragraph of the article, Mr Barnett agreed that American did appear in the words "pernicious and wicked plots of the American and British imperialists." He added that it should read "imperialism" rather than "imperialists."

Slap-Up Meal For Mutineers

Jackson, Michigan, Apr. 24. The 179 convict mutineers at Jackson prison today fied out of their barricaded cell block into the dining hall for a meal of beefsteaks, ice cream and appropriate trimmings. — one of the rebels' terms of surrender.

They thus ended their four-day mutiny.

The convicts marched out only by one from the cell block where they had been besieged for four days. Fellow prisoners at the doors "frisked" each man for possible weapons as he emerged.

The surrender of all weapons, which included hundreds of knives and clubs, was part of the agreement by which the men gave up their revolt.

The mutineers, led by a long-term convict called "Crazy Jack" Hyatt, insisted they would accept no truce unless it was guaranteed by Michigan State Governor Mennen Williams.

Mr Williams accepted the rebels' surrender terms early today, and later the rebels released the eight last guards they had been holding as hostages. Earlier, the mutineers released another of their remaining nine warder hostages.

The 13 originally seized when the revolt began on Sunday night. He collapsed before being released and was supported by convicts when he was handed over.

MAN WITH KNIFE

At the same time, one of the prisoners came out from behind the barricade and surrendered, hands high in the air. Waiting police took a long knife from him.

The rebels' terms for surrender were: no reprisals, and an 11-point programme of prison reforms. They also demanded the steak and ice-cream dinner. The riot has cost one life, with injuries to 11 convicts, four State troopers and four guards, and damage to the extent of \$2,000,000.

Governor Williams said that he accepted the men's terms to ensure the safety of the remaining nine hostages, then still held by the convicts.

In reply to the men's unqualified demand for no reprisals, he pledged that no reprisals would be taken by the guards or other personnel, who operate Michigan's goal for the State Department of Corrections.

The Governor's capitulation came after a tense night when the hostages' safety hung in the balance, against the mounting rage and frenzy of the diehards in the cell.—*Reuter.*

Truce Talks Enter A Difficult Phase

London, Apr. 24. A Foreign Office spokesman stated tonight that the armistice talks at Panmunjom had entered into a difficult phase because of the refusal of many Communist prisoners of war to be repatriated to North Korea.

The spokesman added that it was not a question of an American way of preventing exchange of prisoners, as Radio Peking had claimed.

The spokesman said that in order to dissuade Communist POWs from refusing to be repatriated, Allied authorities had informed the prisoners of the promise made by the Communists not to prosecute any prisoner who returned home.

Despite this assurance, many of these POWs were maintaining their opposition to the repatriation, the spokesman said.—*France-Press.*

Communists Storm West Berlin: Kidnap Policeman

Berlin, Apr. 24. Thousands of East Berlin Communists stormed West Berlin in a series of major demonstrations today — the worst in the city's seven-year occupation history — and battled police with stones and with their hands.

Communist "action squads," demanding German unity on Soviet terms, swarmed into the Western sectors at a score of places along the 102-mile line separating the four sectors of the city.

West German police drenched the agitators with streams from high pressure fire hoses and beat them back with clubs, injuring many.

At least 30 Communists were arrested and one West German policeman was kidnapped into the Eastern Zone.

The demonstrations, in which an estimated 12,000 Reds took part, appeared to be a dress rehearsal for the Communists' threatened rioting on May Day, which they have designated as a "fighting day" for German unity.

FACTORY EXPLOSION

Stockholm, Apr. 24. A second explosion occurred in the Nobel explosives factory in Bofors, central Sweden, today while security police were investigating a case of suspected sabotage.

One worker was badly burned in today's explosion.

Sabotage is suspected.

The blast occurred while police were investigating an explosion last Friday, when 80 kilograms (about 175 lbs.) of explosives detonated while being tested.

The security police were called in after engineers had found ingredients had been mixed into the explosives, bringing their first detonation point down from 200 to 100 degrees Centigrade.—*Reuter.*

HICCUPS CURE

London, Apr. 24. A drink of mustard in cold water today cured George Paterson of Glasgow of hiccup. Paterson had been hiccupping for ten days.—*Reuter.*

POLICEMAN BEATEN

One Western policeman was beaten and kidnapped.

In Spondau, 500 Communists, mostly youths, fought 50 Western police. At Tempelhof, in front of the Borough Hall, 600 agitators blocked 100 police.

At Potsdamerplatz 3,000 Communists gathered on the Soviet side of the border but retreated when Western riot squads moved to the square. Western police also repelled Communist invasion squads throughout the city at many other points along the border.

The Communist police made no effort to break up the demonstrations, called for last week by the East German Communist Party, to protest against a contractual agreement between the Western Allies and the West German government.—*United Press.*

Guards Flown To Quell Riots

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 24. Two aircraft flew 80 State Guardsmen into the town of Udenara, in Minas Gerais State, to quell riots which followed a transport workers' strike, according to reports reaching here today.

The reports said the rioters had burned down the Federal and State revenue collecting offices and other Government bureaux.

A police statement charged that there were "notorious Communist elements" among the strikers.—*Reuter.*

Missouri Pounds City's Dykes

Kansas City, Apr. 24. The Missouri River pounded at the Greater Kansas City's reinforced and heightened dykes today with what appeared to be the head of its long mammoth crest.

"The crest is right at our back door," said E. C. Correll, United States hydrographer.

The mighty river staged here at 30.6 feet at midnight and held a steady reading at the same level at 9.30 a.m.

The dykes hold and Kansas City hoped that the 50-mile long crest would carry its 397,000 cubic feet of water per second safely past a community that took a \$400,000,000 beating in the flood of 1951.

Mr Correll said that the River probably would rise more than an additional four-tenths of a foot to 31.0, which is half a foot under the predicted crest for Kansas City.

CITY KEEPS VIGIL

The River continued to pour millions of gallons of water into various places but the trouble spots are above and below Kansas City. Here the dykes are 40 feet high and an additional six feet of flashboarding have been added to sections of the protection system.

While Kansas City kept vigil, lined airmen and other troops upstream at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, counted off as lost their valiant nine-day battle to save the Sherman Air Force base as the \$5,500,000 base disappeared beneath a sea of swirling yellow water.

The river found a weakness on Wednesday night and punched through the south dyke. Damage to the airfield may run as high as \$1,000,000 though planes and equipment are safely stored elsewhere.

Dry weather is predicted for the next two days.—*United Press.*

Man's Murder Confession

Grays, Essex, Apr. 24. Eamon Arthur Pyc, 31, of Aveley, Essex, was told the police he strangled his wife after a quarrel and then buried her at midnight in the garden of their home.

Pyc, accused of murdering her on March 2, was committed for trial to the Chelmsford Assizes.

The prosecutor said Pyc made a statement in which he said: "Before I filed the hole in the wall, I got a 7 lb. bag of lime. I sprinkled all this on her body and threw the bag in the hole before I filled the hole in."

Pyc said his wife spent the previous weekend with another man.—*Reuter.*

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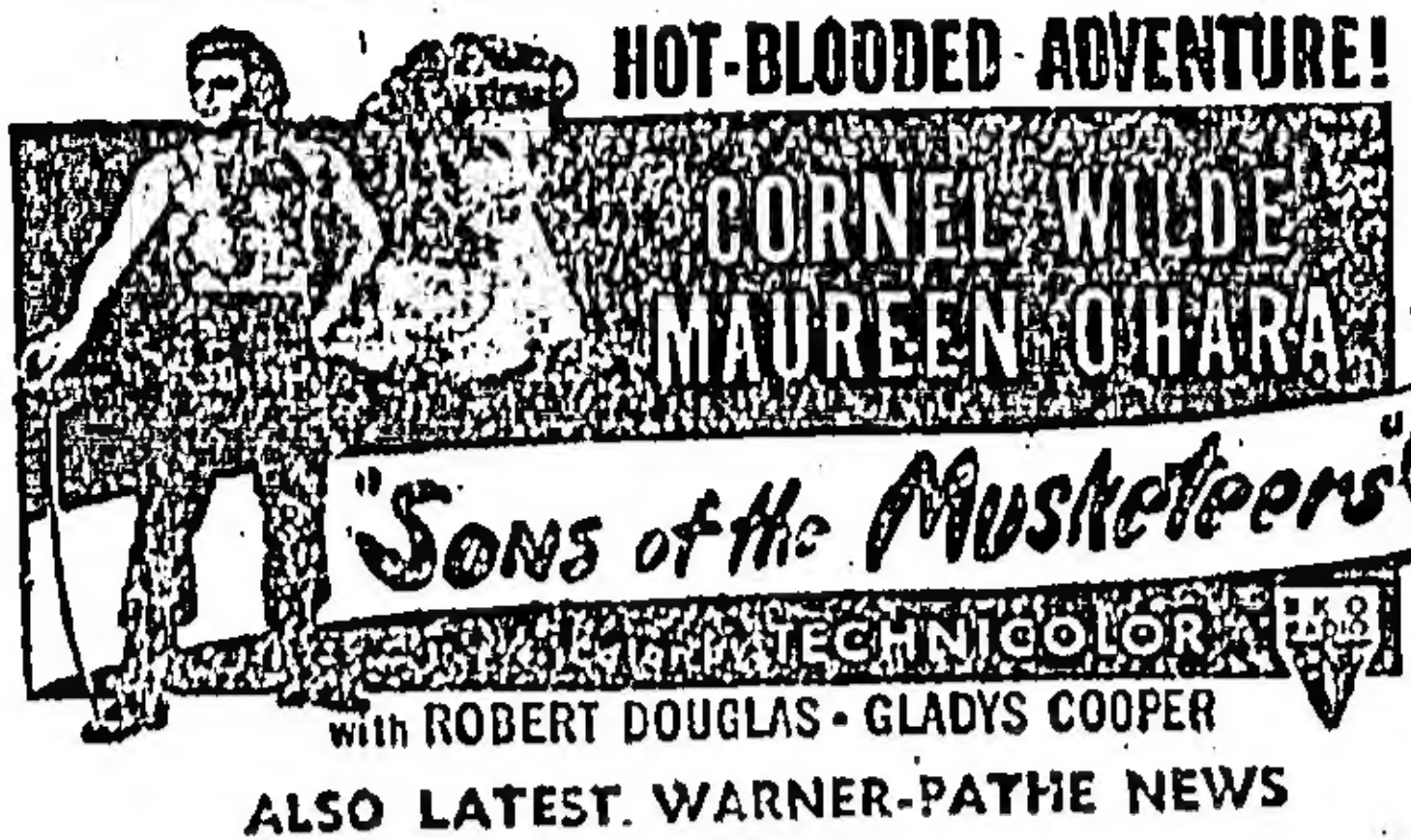
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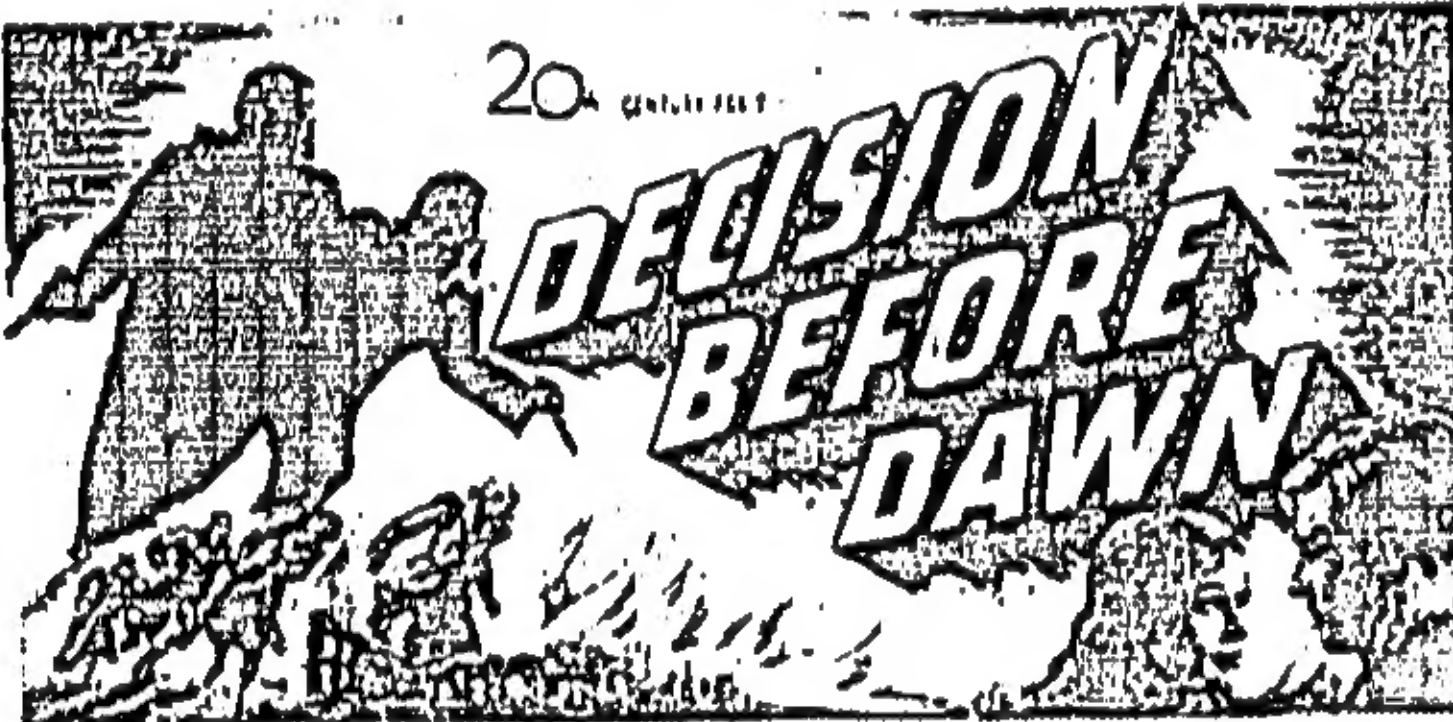
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Warming Up For Far East Duty



The 1st Battalion, Black Watch, at present in Germany, are due home shortly to prepare for duty in the Far East. They are putting in extensive weapon training in the British Zone and this picture shows a detachment of an anti-tank platoon of a support company loading the latest 17-pounder anti-tank gun in a practice shoot on the range.—Central Press.

Higher Subsidy For Farmers

London, Apr. 24.
British farmers are to get £20,000,000 more for their 1952 crops as part of a plan to expand home food production, the Minister of Agriculture, Sir Thomas Dugdale, announced in the House of Commons today.
Farmers will get some of the increase by being allowed to charge more for their products and the rest will come from subsidies paid by the Government.—Reuter.

AMERICAN REDS ON TRIAL

New York, Apr. 24.
The Government Prosecutor opened the trial of 15 "second rank" Communists here today by declaring that the defendants had detailed plans to take the Communist Party underground in the event of an emergency.
The 16 are accused of conspiracy to teach and advocate the violent overthrow of the Government.
Mrs Elizabeth Flynn, 62-year-old member of the party's National Committee and one of the accused, opened the case for the defence.
Though not a lawyer, she is defending herself.
She denied that the Communist Party was a criminal conspiracy.
She said it was a 33-year-old political party devoted to the immediate needs and aspirations of the American people, to the advancement of the worker, the farmer and the Negro people, to the preservation of democracy and culture, and to advocacy of Socialism.—Reuter.

Paralysis Strikes

London, Apr. 24.
Three cases of infantile paralysis were confirmed in two East Suffolk villages yesterday—a brother and sister at Friston and a woman at Snape.



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Supreme Pontiff's Appeal To Women

Vatican City, Apr. 24.

Pope Pius XII today called on the women of the world to join together in imposing their will for peace upon "rulers of peoples who maintain a state of things which gives rise to war."
Speaking to leaders of women's Catholic organisations, the Pope described the horrors war brings to women. He asked whether rulers had ever reflected "with the hearts of sons upon these tragedies."

In bringing to bear their influence for peace, he particularly urged Catholic women to aim at stifling hate, linking peoples in brotherhood, and removing material causes of conflict such as poverty, unemployment and barriers to emigration.
He said they should try to:
1.—Attract men to the celestial good, inducing them sweetly to austerity, or at least to seriousness and moderation in their lives.
2.—Radiate the spirit of gentleness and sense of brotherhood and renounce a luxurious life.
3.—Educate their children in the Christian manner.

CLAMOUR OF HATE
In an apparent reference to peace appeals by Communist women's organisations, the Pope said that though far from wishing to put in doubt the sincerity of these women, their appeals were unhappily often directed at different ends (from those claimed for them) when they did not degenerate into a clamour of exasperation and hate.
Recalling the sufferings of women in war to men in general, and particularly to those "who held in their hands the choice between the sword and the olive branch," the Pope declared:
"Look with the eyes of sons on the agonies of so many mothers and wives, among whom are your own, and let these agonies weigh more heavily in the balance than considerations of prestige or immediate advantage. Do not ask for useless heroism of women."

The delegates received by the Pope in his Vatican Palace represented Catholic women's organisations in Western Germany, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Holland, the United States, Austria, Britain, Switzerland and Uruguay.—Reuter.

Fishing Boats Fired On

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 24.
An Israeli army spokesman said today that Egyptian coastal guns fired on Israeli fishing boats off Gaza yesterday but did not hit them.
The spokesman said that an Israeli Police launch, which had gone to the rescue, found two Arab fishing boats inside Israeli territorial waters.
One of the fishing boats was captured with four Arab fishermen while the second boat escaped, the spokesman stated.
"The Israeli fishing craft returned safely," he added.
Unofficial sources said that a fire was exchanged between the Israeli Police launch and the Arab fishing boats.—Reuter.



IBN SAUD ENTERTAINS ARTAJO

Lavish Ceremony For Spanish Minister

Cairo, Apr. 24.
The Spanish Foreign Minister, Don Alberto Martin Artajo, who arrived here from Saudi Arabia today, was entertained to a lavish dinner by King Ibn Saud at his palace at Riyadh in Central Arabia last night.
The 72-year-old King presented Senor Artajo with a priceless five-row necklace of Arabian pearls and two diamond bracelets for General Franco's daughter, the Marquesa Carmen de Villaverde.
The 24-year-old Marquesa and her husband, who have been accompanying Senor Artajo's goodwill mission on his tour of Arab countries in the Middle East, have been in Cairo for the past two days and did not go to Saudi Arabia.
King Ibn Saud also presented a necklace to Senor Artajo and each member of the Spanish mission received Arab swords and daggers inlaid with precious stones, and the traditional camel-hair gold braid Bedouin dress and head gear.
The mission was received at Jiddah Airport on April 21 by Ibn Saud's eldest son, the Crown Prince Emir Saud, and by Palace dignitaries in flowing robes.
They were entertained to luncheon by the Emir Saud at the Flower Palace, his official residence.
The only Muslim member of the Spanish mission, General Mohamed Ben Nizlzan Ben Kassem, of the Spanish Moroccan Army, went by car from Riyadh to Mecca to perform the holy pilgrimage there, thus earning the religious title of Hadji.
General Ben Nizlzan told Reuter here today that he was happy to have fulfilled "the life-long ambition to perform the sacred duty which Islam enjoins on all Muslims."—Reuter.

Mercy Flight To Mother

Newcastle, Apr. 24.
The United States Navy today gave Carl McDilda, 20, serving in Japanese waters, "humanitarian leave" to come to Byker, Newcastle, where his widowed mother, Mrs Ada McDilda, who is now blind, is now living.
McDilda arrived today for a two-day stay after crossing the Pacific by air, the United States by train and the Atlantic in a troopship.
Mrs McDilda has been told there is no hope of her sight being saved, and is now registered as a blind person, though she can still see a little.
McDilda is joining the troopship again at Dover on Saturday, but has long leave due to him next month and will see his mother again.—Reuter.

5,000 Miles In Day

Toronto, Apr. 24.
Pilot-Officer Allan Hamilton, of Hexham, Northumberland, training with the R.A.F. in Alberta, arrives home tomorrow after having flown 5,000 miles in 24 hours. His father is ill.—Express Service.

Treasure Ship Located

WRECK OF EAST INDIAMAN

Johannesburg, Apr. 24.
The wreck of an East Indian treasure ship lost off the South African coast 170 years ago with jewels, gold and silver said to be worth £10,000,000 aboard, is believed to have been found 40 miles on the Durban side of Port St John's.

Yesterday Oliver Tom Devonshire, working from the ex-fishing boat Steenbok, located on the sea bed eight cannons and a number of box-shaped objects 4 inches by 4 inches by 24 inches.

Devonshire is working for Dr Nico Bartman, chairman of the Grosvenor Treasure Company Ltd., which was formed to recover the lost treasure.
It was on August 4, 1782, that the British armed East Indiaman Grosvenor homeward bound from India foundered off the Pondoland coast.

In addition to the jewels and gold she is said to have had aboard jewel-encrusted golden peacocks stolen from the throne of the Mogul emperor.

NEXT MOVE
There have been five previous attempts to recover the Grosvenor's treasure—in 1787, 1842, 1902, 1917 and 1940. All failed to locate the ship.

Bartman said today he is sure Devonshire has found the wreck, and he added it is now clear that all previous searches were in the wrong place.

The next move is to recover one of the oblong objects, which is difficult because they have become cemented in rock by sea action.

Bartman quoted technical adviser Commander L. Keeble of Cape Town as saying he was satisfied the new find had definitely indicated the Grosvenor wreck. The police have told Bartman he must hand over anything recovered to them for examination.—London Express Service.

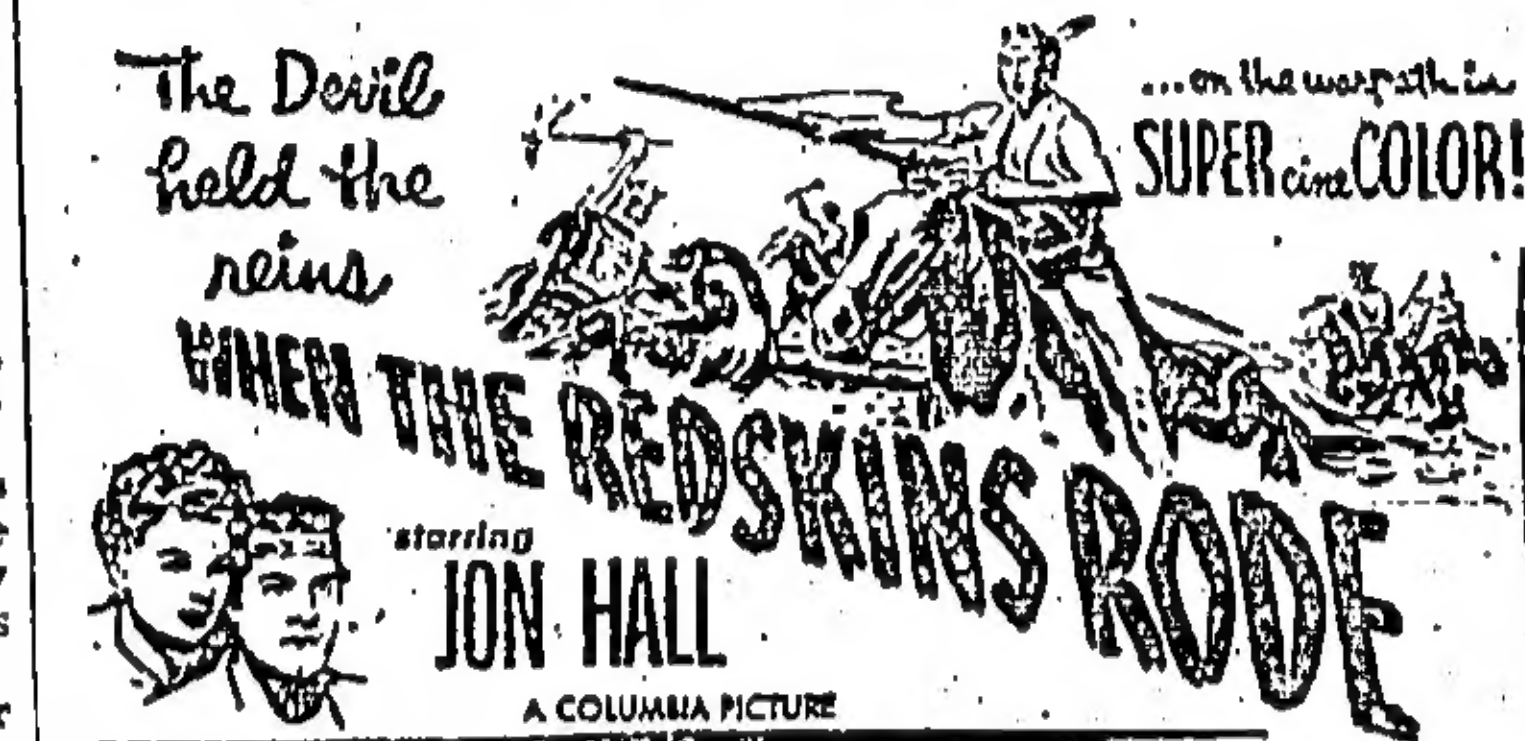
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Miss Jane Russell A Nice Woman

COMMENTS BY
MAGISTRATE

London, Apr. 24. A London magistrate, commenting that the buxom film star, Jane Russell, "must be a very, very nice woman," refrained today from punishing parents who let Miss Russell have their baby son.

Sir Laurence Dugue, Chief Magistrate, was told that the film star is adopting the boy, 20-month-old Tommy Kavanagh. She took him back to Hollywood with her last November after a visit to England. The Court's action appeared to clear the way for adoption.

The parents, Mr and Mrs Michael Kavanagh, pleaded guilty to a charge of "unlawfully permitting the care and possession of an infant to be transferred."

They were discharged conditionally for 12 months, which means the case can be renewed in the next year if the Court learns the child is not being properly cared for.

"I have had the opportunity of seeing some of the letters written by Miss Russell to the child's parents," Sir Laurence remarked. "If they are any reflection on Miss Russell, then she must be a very, very nice woman."

The case was widely publicized, he said, and prosecution was necessary to make plain to all Britons that it is against the law to give custody of a British child to an alien abroad.

NO ALLEGATION
"I am bound to say that if this law is broken again by anyone else, I think it extremely unlikely that the law will take the same view I have taken today," he added.

The parents previously explained that Miss Russell fell in love with the baby at first sight and they let her have him because their small London flat was so crowded. The Kavanaghs have two other children.

The Prosecutor, Mr. Chrismas Humphreys, told the Court: "There is no allegation of any moral turpitude against anyone other than Miss Russell for adopting the child, or who is in process of adopting it, or other of the defendants."

Miss Russell is married to Bob Waterfield, a professional football player. They already have an adopted daughter, Tracy, nine months old.—Associated Press.

British Legion Request

London, Apr. 24. The Pensions Minister, Mr. D. Heathcoat-Amory, today received a British Legion deputation which stated the Legion's case for a further increase in the basic rate of war pensions.

The deputation was headed by the Legion's chairman, Major-General Sir Richard Howard-Vyse.—Reuter.

Dumbo Finds It Dry Work



Dumbo, the baby elephant, has graduated from the Children's Zoo at Regent's Park, London, and made his debut at Easter carrying kiddies. He seemed to enjoy his new job and made a great hit. Here Dumbo pauses for refreshment supplied by one of his first passengers.

Accused "Mute Of Malice"

London, Apr. 24. A London court decided today in the terminology of ancient law that 20-year-old Antoni Thies was "mute of malice and not by the visitation of God."

The prison authorities had called in a psychiatrist to examine Antoni, an unemployed Pole who had not been heard to speak since he was detained a month ago for stealing from a laundry.

The doctor told the court that there was nothing wrong and Antoni was sent back to prison to await trial later.—Reuter.

Europe's Steel Producers Told To Look For Other Markets

Geneva, Apr. 24.

A warning to European steel producers not to rely on continued demand from North American markets but to develop markets elsewhere, is contained in a survey issued here today by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

The heavy European steel exports to the United States and Canada, 1,450,000 tons in 1950 and 1,500,000 tons during the first six months of 1951, will not be repeated this year as the production capacity is increasing rapidly in both countries, the survey says.

"The substantial increase in imports by the United States was due mainly to reduced production caused by strikes and the demand for steel for rearmament programme."

"The United States is now in the process of developing its production capacity, in order to cope simultaneously with the demand of both civilian and rearmament requirements. Once that programme has been completed, even a relatively small drop in internal demand will leave a considerable capacity which could be utilised for exports."

Particularly noteworthy from the European point of view is the development of plant capacity on the east coast. This development will result in narrowing the prospects of European exports to the consumer industries in that part of the United States and in improving the position of American exports to world markets.

"These new plants will benefit from special taxation treatment designed to stimulate defence production generally."

At least 25,000,000 tons of Europe's estimated 1953 steel production of 78,200,000 tons should be available for export, the survey indicated.

But European steel exporters must reduce their prices and begin to concentrate on expanding markets in under-developed countries.

PRICE QUESTION

"Many plans for steel production in these countries were conceived during the war and the immediate post-war period of acute steel shortage," the survey said.

"The under-developed countries feel that even if the cost of production at their local steel plants may be higher it could scarcely be higher than present prices for imported steel."

Should European steel producers adapt production and prices to present necessities Europe might be able to obtain 80 per cent of the world market, the survey added.

But this would only be possible if European steel was competitive in quality and price with its two principal rivals—the United States and Japan.

Western Europe's potential steel production next year was estimated at 65,700,000 tons, compared with 12,500,000 tons.

Poles Agree To "Peace Border"

Berlin, Apr. 24.

Poland welcomed recent assurances of East German support for the Oder-Neisse line as the "peace border" between the two countries, in a note to East Germany today.

The Polish Ambassador, Jan Izdebski, handed the note to the East German Premier, Otto Grotewohl, who immediately read it to the East German Cabinet.

The note said, "The Polish Government agrees with your point of view about the importance of the peace border on the Oder-Neisse for deepening the friendship between our peoples and for the maintenance of peace in Europe."

Dr. Grotewohl has frequently expressed his Government's support of the new post-war frontier with Poland.

In his most recent declaration on April 18 he said, "The Oder-Neisse line fixed at the 1945 Potsdam conference is the final and valid border between our two countries."—Reuter.

GENERAL GOES INTO EXILE

La Paz, Bolivia, Apr. 24. General Hugo Ballivian, head of the Bolivian Military Junta overthrown in the revolution on April 9, left here today by air for Chile in the company of a member of the Chilean Embassy.

He has been in refuge in the Chilean Embassy here since the revolution, which restored Dr. Victor Paz Estenssoro to power after eleven months' exile.—Reuter.

Controversy In U.S. Over Use Of New Weapons

(From R. M. MacColl)

Washington, Apr. 24.

A topmost level struggle in the Pentagon, America's huge "city within a city" housing her defence chiefs and their staffs, has broken out over the use to which the new "miracle weapons" should be put in the Korean war, if it breaks out afresh.

President Truman's declaration that he means to step down has brought it to a head.

While Mr. Truman remained in the White House, both of these warring factions agreed to "mark time."

But in the wake of his announced departure, this controversy of first-class importance not only to America but to the entire Western world has flared up.

The United States is now far along in the development of such weapons as guided missiles, atomic shells for artillery, and other new arms of warfare. One school in the Pentagon is urging that the Korean front should be used as a testing ground for trying out these new weapons, just as the Spanish Civil War was used by the Russians on the one side and the Italians and the Germans on the other, for experimenting with new planes, high-angle guns, anti-tank artillery and other weapons.

But the opponents of this group contend that it would be rash for America to "show her hand" at this point.

RIVAL ARGUMENTS
The new weapons, they say, should be held in reserve, as an unknown factor, which might make Russia pause if she thinks of launching a world war this year.

Trans-Pacific Record

Tokyo, Apr. 24. A Japanese Beauty Queen today christened as the "City of Tokyo" a Stratocruiser passenger plane which, Northwest Airlines officials said, cut five hours and ten minutes off the company's trans-Pacific schedule flight time.

Yoshiko Tamura, Miss Tokyo for 1951, named the plane which the company said, was the forerunner of a regular service over the Great Circle route from Seattle to Tokyo in 17 hours and 25 minutes.

Aboard the plane with journalists and company officials were two porcupines, gift from Seattle to Tokyo's Ueno Park Zoo.—Reuter.

TV To Span Atlantic

Manchester, Apr. 24. Britain will be in television communication with the United States very soon, said Lord Brabazon of Tara, opening the Northern Radio Show in Manchester today.

Forecasting the time when Wall Street would stop while New Yorkers watched Lancashire play Yorkshire at cricket, Lord Brabazon pointed out that Britain had been prominent in the development of television.—Reuter.

VIETMINH REGIMENT WIPED OUT

Hanoi, Apr. 24.

The French today said they had annihilated the 98th Vietminh rebel Regiment in a series of operations which began on April 14.

General Gonzales de Linarres, Commander-in-Chief, Ground Forces, North Vietnam, said today that the operations took place 18 to 24 miles north-east of Hanoi and resulted in 2,338 Vietminh casualties.

The 98th Regiment belonged to the crack 310th Division which infiltrated the Tonkin Delta.

The Vietminh casualties, General de Linarres said, worked out as follows:

Nine hundred regular troops killed; 300 regional troops killed; 888 prisoners and 150 wounded.

He added that the only regular Vietminh forces left in the delta were five battalions of Division 320 in the south.

He now hoped that it would be possible to clear the delta of Vietminh regulars before the rainy season and rice harvest at the end of May.—Reuter.

Armoured Cars For Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 24. Fleets of armoured protected vehicles for the Federation police are now arriving regularly from the United Kingdom.

Forty armoured-plated weapon-carriers recently arrived here and were sent to outlying areas for duty in the fight against terrorism. Another shipment is expected shortly.

It is understood the Federation Government has placed orders for 850 armoured vehicles, and the Colonial Office is trying to speed up delivery.—Reuter.

A MAJOR HURDLE PASSED

Boy Of Tunisia Signs Decrees

Tunis, Apr. 24.

The Boy of Tunisia today received the members of the Baccouche Cabinet in an atmosphere described as much more cordial than that of a week ago.

The Boy today signed a number of important decrees he did not ratify last week.

A French Residency spokesman said the Tunisian Administration could now function smoothly.

Among powers approved by the Boy were decrees permitting the Minister of Commerce, Ben Rais, to start a profit limiting and price lowering campaign similar to that undertaken in France by Premier Antoine Pinay.

The Commerce Minister, it was announced, would first take energetic steps to bring down retail food prices in the protectorate.

The Boy later received the French Resident, Count Jean de Hauteclocque, who gave the Boy a report of his visit to Paris where he discussed the Tunisian situation with the French Government.

VERY CORDIAL

The Boy, the Residency spokesman said, had shown extreme cordiality to M. de Hauteclocque. The Boy also received French members of the Council of Government.

The Baccouche Government passed a major hurdle with today's signing of important decrees by the Boy, observers said tonight.

M. Baccouche's next difficulty is to have functioning the joint Franco-Tunisian Commission which is to examine the French reform plan before the Muslim feast of Ramadan begins on May 30.

The Commission was to have met for the first time today but difficulties in choosing members caused a postponement.

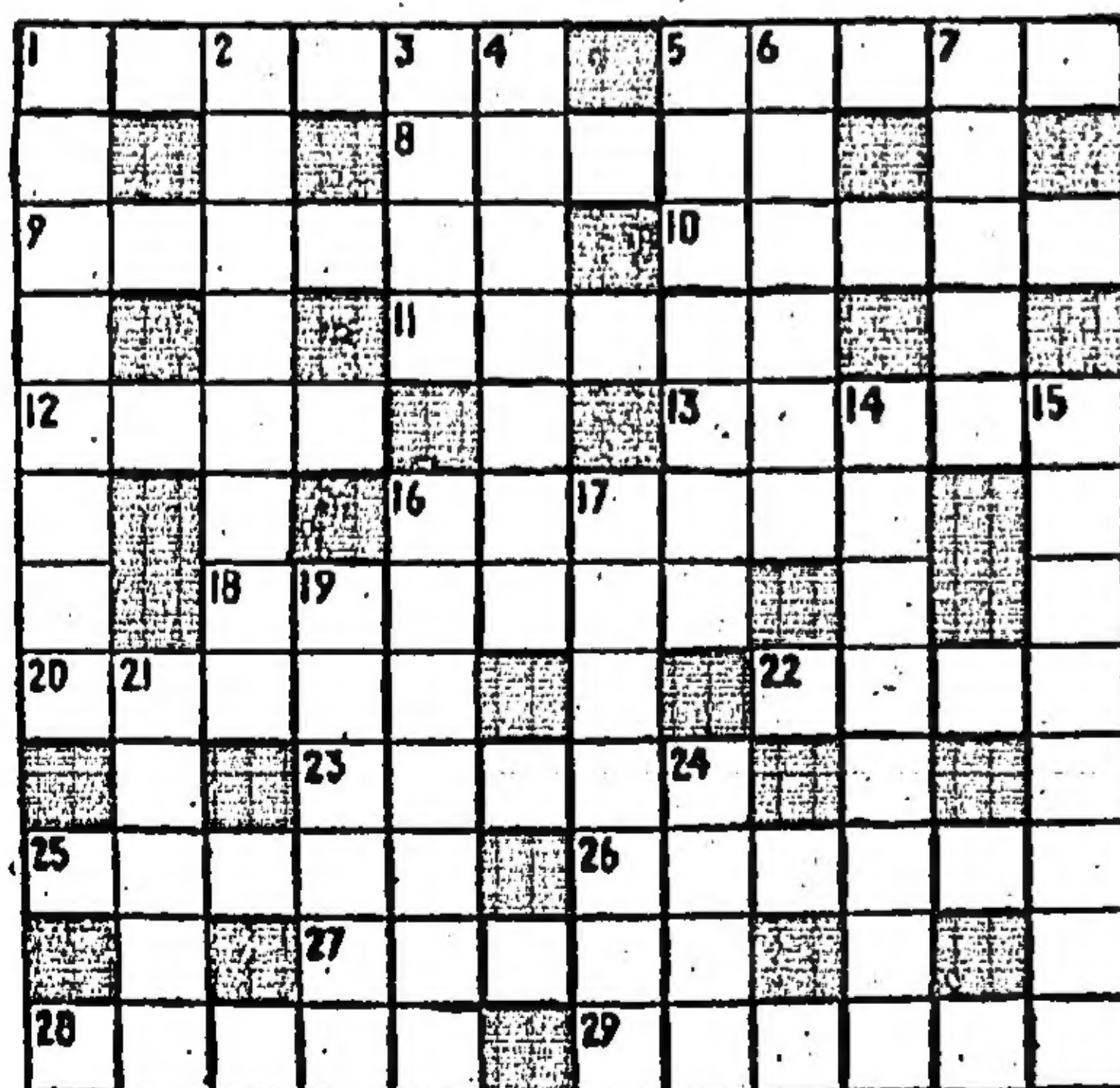
During last night a small bomb exploded in the basement of the Ministry of Agriculture but injured no one and caused only slight damage.—Reuter.

Cruiser Back Home

London, Apr. 24.

The cruiser HMS Liverpool arrived at Portsmouth today after four years' service in the Mediterranean. She served as the flagship of the Commander-in-Chief while in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

DOWN

- 1 Artist's work-room (6).
- 2 Likeness (5).
- 3 Theatrical entertainment (5).
- 4 Way of working (6).
- 5 Homely (5).
- 6 Horizontal (5).
- 7 Fruit (4).
- 8 Concise (5).
- 9 Appoint as substitute (6).
- 10 Occupations (8).
- 11 Inexperienced (5).
- 12 Large book (4).
- 13 Spry (5).
- 14 Over-weight (5).
- 15 Dodged (6).
- 16 Made a speech (5).
- 17 Defiant (5).
- 18 Trapped (6).
- 19 Trying (3).
- 20 Flail (6).
- 21 Object of worship (4).
- 22 Commanded (7).
- 23 Driving force (7).
- 24 Wooden hummer (6).
- 25 Profits (5).
- 26 Magistrate (6).
- 27 Stretched (8).
- 28 Perils (7).
- 29 Small shot (7).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across:—1 Poplar, 5 Swamp, 8 Vent, 9 Fooled, 11 Agree, 12 Direct, 14 Firm, 16 Tress, 18 Unite, 19 Dead, 20 Repeat, 24 Ralse, 25 Palace, 26 Sues, 27 Mends, 28 Repeat. Down:—1 Puff, 2 Ploer, 3 Avar, 4 Redeem, 5 Statute, 6 Abraded, 7 Precise, 10 Limit, 13 Humdrum, 14 Flout, 15 Statute, 17 Regal, 19 Rappet, 21 Ease, 22 Lave, 23 Pail.

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"I feel that I can answer for Alvin, and the answer is 'No!'"

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Larceny Lou Forces Rivals Into Mistakes

NORTH		EAST	
♠ J 8 2	♠ A K Q 5	♠ Q 8 6 3	♠ 10 8
♥ A 7 5 4	♥ J 9 7 3	♥ K 10 8 5 2	♥ A 3 2
♦ K 4	♦ J 9 7	♦ K 10 8 6 4	♦ A 3 2
♣ A 10	♣ Q 4 2	♣ K 10 8 6 4	♣ A 3 2

South West North East
1st Pass 1NT Pass
2nd Pass 3NT Pass
3rd Pass 4NT Pass
Opening lead—♠ 4

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOME of Larceny Lou's stunts are very simple. He just makes it easy for the opponents to go wrong.

For example, when West opened the four of spades in the hand shown today, Lou just put up dummy's jack. This was a silly play, theoretically speaking, for dummy's jack was no better than the ten in Lou's own hand.

As a practical matter, however, the play of the jack of spades from dummy induced East to play his queen. Now Lou had two spade tricks instead of only one.

After winning the first trick with the king of spades, South led a club to dummy's queen. East won the trick and returned a spade. The defenders could take two spades and two clubs, but by that time Lou had three clubs, three hearts, two spades, and a diamond.

If East had played a low spade instead of the queen at the first trick, Lou would have been set.

East wins the first round of clubs, later, and returns a low spade. This enables West to capture the king of spades with the ace. West continues spades, and East wins with the queen. This gives Lou defenders three spade tricks and enables them to defeat the contract.

If Lou had played a low spade from dummy at the first trick, East might have been inspired to play the right instead of the queen. Since Lou does not enjoy leaving such things to chance, he played the jack of spades from dummy to make sure that East made the all-important mistake.

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade 2 Clubs
2 Pass 3 Pass 4 Pass 5 Pass
You, South, hold: Spades Q-7-5-2, Hearts A-K-Q, Diamonds A-Q-J, Clubs A-10. What do you do?

A—Bid three spades. This should be reasonably safe. Even if your partner has some such minimum holding as five spades to a king, jack and nothing else, if he has jump raise will spur him on to a game, and there will be a good play for that.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades Q-7-5-2, Hearts A-K-Q, Diamonds A-Q-J, Clubs A-10. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD

Across
1. Murder as Eve stated. (4)
2. One pair are. (2)
3. Attached to her. (3)
4. What the poet did? (4)
5. Teasing in those times. (7)
6. One of the cereals. (3)
7. Supplied by a nasal soprano. (4)
8. Please do not wake. (6)
9. Famous, famous one to Berlin. (4)
10. Made headline news. (3-4)
11. Secured. (3)
12. Consumable in a hole. (4)
13. Where to find the van. (5)
14. Famous dial. (3)
15. Misery. (3)

Down
1. A cold state. (anag.) (4)
2. The young moon. (3)
3. Change direction. (4)
4. A heap of. (3)
5. Receipt of one is not always. (4)
6. Pack leader. (3)
7. Curtailed but uncurled. (4)
8. Can make a real blast. (3)
9. This drink is never 23 down. (3)
10. Keep dry with Paul in. (3)
11. See 14 down.
12. It's a promise. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across
1. Grogginess. 2. Partner. 3. Trembling. 4. Grew. 5. Imp. 6. A has been. 7. O. 8. Grogginess. 9. O. 10. Grogginess. 11. O. 12. Grogginess. 13. O. 14. Grogginess. 15. O. 16. Grogginess. 17. O. 18. Grogginess. 19. O. 20. Grogginess. 21. O. 22. Grogginess. 23. O. 24. Grogginess. 25. O. 26. Grogginess. 27. O. 28. Grogginess. 29. O. 30. Grogginess. 31. O. 32. Grogginess. 33. O. 34. Grogginess. 35. O. 36. Grogginess. 37. O. 38. Grogginess. 39. O. 40. Grogginess. 41. O. 42. Grogginess. 43. O. 44. Grogginess. 45. O. 46. Grogginess. 47. O. 48. Grogginess. 49. O. 50. Grogginess. 51. O. 52. Grogginess. 53. O. 54. Grogginess. 55. O. 56. Grogginess. 57. O. 58. Grogginess. 59. O. 60. Grogginess. 61. O. 62. Grogginess. 63. O. 64. Grogginess. 65. O. 66. Grogginess. 67. O. 68. Grogginess. 69. O. 70. Grogginess. 71. O. 72. Grogginess. 73. O. 74. Grogginess. 75. O. 76. Grogginess. 77. O. 78. Grogginess. 79. O. 80. Grogginess. 81. O. 82. Grogginess. 83. O. 84. Grogginess. 85. O. 86. Grogginess. 87. O. 88. Grogginess. 89. O. 90. Grogginess. 91. O. 92. Grogginess. 93. O. 94. Grogginess. 95. O. 96. Grogginess. 97. O. 98. Grogginess. 99. O. 100. Grogginess.

White, 9 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. B-K2, any; 2. Q mates.

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DEAR ME! ISN'T THIS DIAMOND CLEAR?

NO! BUT IT WILL BE AFTER THREE MORE PAYMENTS

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THREE POETS

By T. O. HARE

"In my opinion," said Mrs. Blunderbore, "punctuation marks are as essential to poetry as the three really great poets. I have just written a dramatic poem of them: NIVY, RIVY, and the most musical, rhythmic, and beautiful poem I have ever written. It is better known as a novel."

"I've never heard of any of them," said Mrs. Blunderbore. "I've assembled the letters of their names, that's all."

"Can you identify these poets?"

(Solution on Page 10)

Being An Actress Is A Soft Touch

By BEN COOK

HOLLYWOOD. — Being an actress is a soft touch.

If you don't believe it, ask Sherry Jackson. She's ten years old and one of the up-and-coming child actresses of Hollywood.

"I like it a lot," Sherry confided. "In fact, I like it so much I think I'm just going to stay an actress the rest of my life."

Sherry is doing her acting these days in a major role in "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima" at Warner Bros. and already ranks as a veteran. She made her screen debut three years ago and has some 30 pictures to her credit. She said:

"People take such good care of you when you're an actress. They help me with my lines and do my hair and even help me with my school work."

"I have a private tutor on the set so when I finish the picture and get back to school I won't be dumb and have the kids laughing at me."

Meets The Stars

One of the best things about being an actress, Sherry added, is that you meet a lot of stars.

Sherry generally meets them on even terms, because she often plays their daughters. Her screen mothers have included such stars as Phyllis Thaxter, Anne Baxter and Martha Scott, and for screen fathers she's had Dennis Morgan, John Garfield and Dan Dailey, among others.

Right now her big hero is Gilbert Roland, who stars in her present film.

"Mr. Roland is awful nice to me. I get to hug him in the pictures, and he gives me a big kiss. I guess I'm a lucky girl."

Sherry played a leading lady role once, in the Steve Cochran picture "The Lion and the Horse," and she still lists the picture as one of her favorite memories.

"I got to work with a lion," she says. "It was a lot a fun."

United Press

Household Hints

If you have a cast-iron chicken fryer, and the cover gets rusty from the steam, wash the cover and then rub a small amount of unsalted fat or salad oil over the lid. Also be sure the lid is perfectly dry before putting it away.

Remember that if you dye a tablecloth, it will not be a fast color, and must be washed separately.

Washing Your Rubbers

When you wash rubbers or galoshes in warm, soap water, be sure not to allow water to seep inside. If your boots are fur-lined, brush vigorously to rid the hairs of mud particles. A well-washed heavy duty brush will work wonders in cleaning sole crevices and breaking up caked mud. Wipe off as much moisture as possible and place the articles in a warm out-of-the-way corner to dry, but away from radiators, furnaces, warm air vents, etc., which might cause the rubber to stiffen and crack.

Mr. Merlin Buys The Moon

—It Was Real All Right; It Tasted Like Cheese!—

By MAX TRELL

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Wyken, Blynken and Nod one night
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when his sister Hanid, to whom he was saying the lines, suddenly exclaimed: "Why look, here comes Mr. Merlin, the Magician!"

Sure enough, the Magician came out from behind the bookcase carrying a big box under his arm. "Ah, good evening, good evening," he said, smiling and winking. "I bet, that you can guess what I've got in this box!"

Neither Knare nor Hanid could guess at the box but kept guessing its shape. One second it was square, then it became oblong, then it became round, then it shot out in all directions like a star-fish! To add to all this, it kept growing larger and larger until finally it filled half the room.

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With that the Magician loosened the top of the box, removed an armful or two of straw and old newspapers, and there was the moon, or rather half of it, filling the box like a great white lantern.

"I bought it at an auction," he explained. "It's really the moon!"

"My goodness!" Hanid gasped. "Is it really the moon?"

"Certainly," the Magician replied. "You don't think I'd buy a fake, do you? No, sir, it's the real moon. Taste it," he said.

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Rupert and the New Bonnet—30

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WOMANSENSE

TRIPE SOUP
HERE'S SOMETHING RIGHT OUT OF THE COMMON

SLICE A SMALL ONION, AND CHOP UP ENOUGH POTATO TO MAKE 1 1/2 TEACUPFULS

WHEN CELERY'S IN SEASON, ADD 2 TABLE-SPONS OF IT CHOPPED, OR SEASON WELL WITH CELERY SALT

FRY THESE GENTLY FOR 1/4 HR. IN 3 DESSERT-SPONS MARG

THEN ADD 5/2 LEVEL DESSERT-SPONS FLOUR AND MIX ALL TOGETHER

NOW ADD 1/4 CUP CRISPED HONEYCOMB TRIPS CUT IN CUBES AND 1 PINT WHITE STOCK-SEASON WITH SALT AND PEPPER

SIMMER COVERED FOR 1 HOUR AND JUST BEFORE SERVING ADD A LITTLE CREAM OFF THE MILK

IT SAYS—TO GET THE REAL AMERICAN FLAVOUR, ADD 2 TABLESPONS CRISPED SWEET GREEN PEPPERS, BUT YOU CAN ONLY DO THAT IN SUMMER, WHEN THERE ARE IN THE GREEN-GROCERS

I SPY

FASHION SPOTTER IN REGENT'S PARK

The flowers were out in Regent's Park; the artificial flowers were there, too. Gazing at a bed of crocuses, a local student, Clio Howard (right) dressed in a black duster coat, was winter coat.

"I tucked this rose under the collar to lighten it up," she said. The large red flower, which she wore, was a Miss Howard's glove—they lent a gay touch to her otherwise black outfit.

Walking through the Park on her way to the shops—Mrs. Thelma Mott, of Hampstead, proves that even shopping bags can be a smart accessory. Her bag, of black straw (left) was bought on holiday in Italy. "It holds an amazing amount of shopping and still looks reasonably presentable."

The flower? "I felt black seemed dark in the spring sunshine so I pinned a pink rose to my glove."

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COMMON COLD IS STILL WITH US

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THERE is still no cure for the common cold. The new antihistaminic drugs have relieved symptoms in some cases, but many of the over-enthusiastic claims in favour of these drugs as a "cure-all" have been disproved.

By now, most people know the common cold is due to a virus infection. Persons most easily infected are usually those with lowered body resistance. Factors which may decrease resistance include general debility, enlarged tonsils and adenoids, areas of chronic infection in the body, and allergies.

Another factor is injury to the membranes of the nose from burning, irritating and inflammatory fumes. And then there is always the matter of susceptibility to colds.

Cough Common

Repeated nose-blowing and the profuse nasal flow often cause a redness and soreness of the upper lip and nose. As the disease progresses the watery discharge becomes thicker and more mucous is formed. Very common is a hacking cough, which is usually worse at night and may even interfere with sleep.

A sure way to prevent colds would be just as desirable as a sure way to cure them. Many preventive measures have been recommended, including vaccines, but so far none as a rule seems to have been successful. Some people believe large doses of vitamin C during the cold season may be helpful. Others think large doses of mixed vitamins are of value, and they may be, but, as yet, definite proof is lacking as to their value in this condition.

First Symptoms

A cold usually starts abruptly. The first sign may be a feeling of tiredness, or perhaps sneezing, a nasal discharge, or a scratchy irritation in the throat. The person may not have a fever at any time if the cold remains uncomplicated. However, many have a chilling sensation, or a definite chill, followed by fever.

Headache is very common, and there may be vague pains in the back and arms. The nose and throat often feel stopped up, and eyes burn, and smart. These conditions may impair the

Adequate Rest

The sufferer from a cold should go to bed and get ample rest as soon as he feels the first signs. Adequate rest is often the single factor contributing to rapid recovery. If severe, it may also be a good idea to relieve symptoms if possible with nose drops, steam inhalations, and discomfort-relieving drugs. The diet should be light, with adequate supplies of the vitamins and minerals found in fruits, vegetables, butter, and eggs.

Some women are more conscious of the appearance of their hands than they are of their faces. The complexion can be enhanced with synthetic aids, but feminine paws are fated to be as they are because defects cannot be hidden. So the defects should be effaced, and can be if they are given proper attention.

Harsh Cleansers

A menace is the harsh cleansing agent. Never let your hands come in contact with it. If you must use such a preparation, wear rubber gloves. Put on loose cotton gloves when polishing silver or shining up furniture. Use a hand lotion freely, once or twice a day. Because of frequent hand washing, the natural oil is removed. Unless something is done to make up for that lack, the skin will become dry or chapped.

Several times a week there should be a massage with a nourishing cream. Spread it over the backs of your hands, the palms, the wrist, your hands together. Thumb each finger with the other. The skin will be soft. Work on the knuckles, where dark lines may form if one is neglectful of these good looks rites.

Especially for Hands

At cosmetic counters you will find emollients compounded especially for hands. They are of heavier consistency usually than those used on the sacred complexion, because the idea is to offer resistance to manipulations. Massage is not effective if a thin cleansing cream is used. Fingers slide and slip, don't press deeply enough into the flesh.

A little flesh-colored vanishing cream rubbed into the backs of the hands before sitting in at the bridge game will impart a bit of glamour.

Winked and Blinked

He reached down into the box and picked them up. They winked and blinked in the palm of his hand. "I'd put them in a lamp," he said, "only they keep going on and off. It's hard to read by a light that keeps going on and off. Well, I might as well get rid of them."

Saying that, he opened the window and tossed them up into the air. Knare and Hanid saw them shoot up, higher and higher, until they were lost among the stars.

"Why, I never, never saw anything like this before!" Hanid managed to say. "Imagine throwing stars away!"

But the next second Mr. Merlin did something even stranger. "Well," he said, "I guess I haven't much use for the moon either. It takes up much too much room—and it looks better where it belongs." So he emptied the box out of the window, too.

And the moon, slowly and gracefully, spun up into the sky until Knare and Hanid saw it at last shining down on them from the place where it always was and (they hoped) always would be.

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Today a lawyer for the United States Steel Corporation—the biggest in the country—accused the Government of trying to "foist" wage increases on the management.

He asked Federal Judge David A. Pine to issue a temporary injunction forbidding the Secretary of Commerce, Charles Sawyer, from doing anything to implement the President's seizure order.—Reuter.

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For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries of subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson 34 (M)

A Story (Refer to page 110.

Cantonese Simplified):

Vocabulary:

202. (1)Ming. Bright. Clear.

203. (2)Black. White.

Combinations:

21. (1)Ming (2)Black. To under-

stand. (3)White. To be

obedient. To obey.

A Story: (Continued)

110. (2)Kui (1)Black-bah(1) (3)Jee-

gay(2) (choot(1)-hul(3) (want(2) (2-

kui. His papa himself went out to

117. (2)Kui (2)Kui (2)Kui (1)Black-

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BARTER TREATY EXTENDED

Manila, Apr. 24.
The operation of the Philippine-Japanese barter agreement has been extended to June 30, 1952, the Foreign Office said today.

The agreement was negotiated with SCAP and was to terminate on April 28 with the coming into force of the Japanese peace treaty which is still pending ratification by the Philippine Senate.

The Philippines proposed the extension and the Japanese Government agreed, according to advice received from the Philippine mission in Tokyo.

The Foreign Office said it was felt necessary to extend the agreement for two reasons: to ensure the orderly liquidation of accounts under the agreement and the need for additional time within which the Senate may be able to act on the peace treaty now pending before it.

The extension eases the anxiety expressed by local banks and businessmen during the past several days over the probable effects of the sudden termination of the agreement on trade and commerce with Japan.

The Foreign Office said that as of April 15 the Philippines had an outstanding sale totalling \$43,000,000 in value to Japan and an outstanding purchase from Japan totalling a little more than \$5,000,000 in value. —United Press.

Copro Quotation

New York, Apr. 24.
Copro quoted today at \$115 nominal per short ton. Cacao hull oil was quoted at 7 3/4 cents a pound, bid. —United Press.

Foreign Exchanges In NY

	New York, Apr. 24.
Canada	US\$1.02 1/2
England—official	2.60-12/16
England—unofficial	2.55 bid/ask
30-day futures	2.78 1/2
Australia	2.24
South Zealand	2.00 1/2
Holland	3.60 1/2
Belgium	3.60 1/2
Denmark	16.50
France	4.80
West Germany	16.50
Holland	3.60 1/2
Italy	1.00
Norway	1.40
Portugal	200.00
Spain	165.00
Sweden	1.00
Switzerland	2.00
MIDDLE EAST	
Egypt	2.00 1/2
Iran	2.00 1/2
Turkey	3.50
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Hongkong	1.00
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Japan-Thailand Treaty

Tokyo, Apr. 24.
The existing trade accord between Japan and Thailand will be extended until June 30. The trade agreement was originally to expire upon the coming into force of the peace treaty.

The Thai Government has informed the Japanese Government that it agreed to the extension. A new trade accord to replace the existing treaty will be negotiated early in May in Bangkok between Thai officials and a Japanese mission. —France-Press.

EGYPT'S COTTON CRISIS

Market Collapse Could Bring Disaster

Stumbling Block To Trade

Washington, Apr. 24.
Wayne Taylor, a member of the advisory council of the Mutual Security Agency, yesterday urged the simplification of American Customs regulations to encourage European exports to the United States.
Testifying before the Senate Finance Committee, he said the complexity and ambiguities of the American Customs procedure constituted a stumbling block to European exporters and newcomers in the American market. —France-Press.

Seeking Higher Prices

LONDON WHEAT CONFERENCE

London, Apr. 24.
The United States, Canada and Australia are seeking higher prices for their wheat, a usually reliable source close to the present London Wheat Conference said today.

There was no indication yet what prices these countries—the three major exporting members in the International Wheat Agreement—had in mind as early stages of the other exporting countries would presumably agree to any decision.

The United States decision to join Canada and Australia in seeking a higher price had been influenced by three main considerations: the source believed the amount of the subsidy the United States Treasury paid to American wheat growers. This compensates growers for the difference in the price at which they sell wheat under the agreement—\$1.80 a bushel—and the "free" price of roughly \$2.45.

A reduction in the wheat subsidy would make the renewal of the agreement, which expires on July 31, more acceptable to the American Congress.

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The second consideration was the United States view that the agreement price of \$1.80 was unrealistic at present.

The third was that a higher price would encourage increased wheat production in Canada and Australia, leading to the importing countries.

The London talks are expected to run their scheduled three weeks, and perhaps longer.

A decision to renew the agreement for a further term would have to be ratified by the member countries.

The present agreement was signed in Washington in March, 1949. —Reuter.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Apr. 24.
World sugar futures closed today 5 1/2 lower with sales totalling 292 contracts.
Contract No. 6 closed unchanged to 3 lower with sales totalling 280 contracts.

Contract No. 4 (world)
May 4.18 nominal
July 4.22
September 4.25-4.23
November 4.20
Spot 4.23

Contract No. 6
July 5.04
September 5.00
November 5.00 bid
Spot 5.05
—United Press.

Seeds And Oils

New York, Apr. 24.
Prices in the seeds and oils market closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:
Castor Seed, per long ton, F.O.B. Brazilian port, \$165.00.
Flax seed, per bushel, F.O.B. Minneapolis, \$3.86. —United Press.

First Since War

Tokyo, Apr. 24.
The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's Hikawa Maru (11,000 tons) sailed from Yokohama today for North America. She is Japan's first post-war passenger ship going abroad. —Reuter.

Government Plan To Keep Prices At Present Level

Cairo.
A collapse in the Alexandria cotton market has been a spectre haunting Egypt's able young Minister of Finance, 41-year-old Dr Abdul Mortaal Bey, ever since he took over this thankless portfolio after the fall of the Wafd Government and the calamity of "Red Saturday" when much of Cairo went up in flames.

Chaos in the Cotton Bourse could bring speedy disaster to Egypt's tottering economy. Cotton is responsible for 85 per cent of Egyptian exports—and 3,500,000 kantarans normally shipped by mid-March are still in stock.

Also, Egypt faces a deficit of £25 millions in the budget.

How comes this crisis? The Wafd Government held cotton prices at an abnormal minimum level; they cherished this scheme in the unrealistic hope of bolstering their budget by forcing overseas clients to buy at this price coveted long-staple (Karnak-type) Egyptian cotton which has high prestige among spinners turning out good-grade products.
This was nothing more than a national corner operation. It encouraged speculators and resulted in bringing confusion to a Bourse known throughout the commercial world as being, at the best of times, sensitive to a degree.

There were virtually no buyers; so the present Government was compelled to let prices go as the issue was complicated by the fact that there is a small global recession.

Though some believed the market could get rid of its artificial influences in time, it left to itself, other observers in Alexandria and Cairo insisted the Government must interfere though it has no resources to back such a decision.

A WARNING

So there was pretty widespread relief and approval when the Minister of Finance said after an extraordinary Cabinet meeting that the Government would enter the cotton market at the end of the season (August 31) as purchaser ready to buy any quantity of long-staple Karnak at 125 tallers and of short-staple Ashmouni at 72 tallers.
This, said the Minister, was intended "as a warning to foreign spinners that the Egyptian Government was not prepared to allow a continuing landslide in prices."

Although this is bad news for manipulators who have added the Bourse to their own satisfaction for the past two years, up-country merchants will be infinitely relieved that prices have been fixed. With two-thirds of the Upper Egyptian crop undisposed of, a tumbling market would have brought ruin to hundreds of small and small growers.

Not long ago the Alexandria Bourse was physically invaded by up-country growers; there was an ugly scene as they demanded their rights, shouting slogans with the speculators.

The Government got a good Press when it concluded a barter deal with Russia—disposing of 500,000 kantarans. But it could not hope to dispose of the crop by bartering unless some unforeseen event loomed up (another "Korean war" for instance).

There was no completely painless escape from the situation.

INFLATIONARY

Unhappily aware of this, the Government realised the market must be backed, although it is clearly an inflationary procedure involving opening a credit and printing of bank notes by the National Bank of Egypt.

One of the advantages of this course, indicating the market is catastrophic level, it tells the banks of the lowest possible prices. For the banks are at present pressed by growers for advances on next season's crop (the cotton season here runs from September 1 to August 31).

This is a normal commercial practice giving loans to cover fertilisers, seeds, and land rents. So any private bank must discover the lowest to which the market can slide.

One of the disadvantages of the course: if the world recession increases, the Government's prices can prove too high to cope with falling bourses elsewhere.

A COMPLICATION

The Bilateral Exchange has been complicated by the losses of January 26, and the fact that the cotton the Wafd Government took up at the end of last season for £25 millions has already lost £15 millions through decline in prices. It is still in stock.
But the Premier and his colleague, the Minister of Finance, are hoping to steer the way out of trouble by

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)
Business done during this morning's session of the Stock Exchange amounted to \$99,103. Near quietness and the morning's transactions:

SHARES—BUYERS—SELLERS—SALES
BANKS
HSK Bank 137 1/2 139 5/8 5 G 138 1/2
East Asia 140

INSURANCES
Canton 235
Union 750 760 20 4 750
Underwriters 4 25 2500 1/2 5

SHIPPING
Waterboat 24 1/2
ASA New 1.60 1.70 1000 1/2 1.62 1/2
N. P. Wharf 82 100 1/2 81
Deck XD 10.50 10.60
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Rice Position Disturbs

Manila, Apr. 24.
Officials of the National Rice and Corn Corporation (NARIC) were apprehensive over the rice situation here today following cancellation of a contract for the importation of 50,000 metric tons of rice.

The NARIC cancelled the contract with Attorney Jesus T. Quinsaga for failure to post a \$100,000 bond.

The corporation also cancelled a \$5,000 deposit filed by Quinsaga at the time of bidding for the contract.

Quinsaga was low bidder when the Government sought shipments of rice from Thailand and other areas to replenish local supplies. —Associated Press.

Attack On American Tariffs

New York, Apr. 24.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Willard Thorp, declared today that the nation should be greatly concerned with the significant increase in demands by special interest groups for protection from foreign imports.

In a speech prepared for the 31st annual luncheon of the National Council of American Importers, Inc., Mr. Thorp, in charge of economic affairs for the State Department, attacked restrictions on international trade in the United States.

Such restrictions, he said, are of two types, those which advance some declared public policy and those which satisfy special interest groups.

In the first class, Mr. Thorp said, countries sometimes practice infant industries with special tariffs. Such protection, he declared, would become a real danger when provided too long and cited "our own chemicals industry" where the incidence of the tariff rates is in many cases well over 100 per cent.

Interference with foreign trade may be used to enforce a domestic policy or programme as illustrated in this country by tariffs designed to protect high United States agricultural prices, he continued.

The special interest groups are particularly demanding now, Mr. Thorp contended, because for a long period United States industry has had automatic protection in many fields.

"During the past ten years," he said, "our own production has expanded at a time when many historical foreign sources have been unable to produce any substantial quantities for export."

"The revival of these foreign competitors, and we have hardly heard from Japan as yet, has brought forth cries of threatened injury from an increasing number of special groups, many of whom have themselves expanded during recent years to fill a domestic demand formerly met by foreign producers." —Associated Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Apr. 24.
Prices of tin were firmer this morning. Turnover was 280 tons, all for forward. Prices closed at the end of the official trading session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 90 1/2
Spot tin, sellers 90 1/2
Business done at 90 1/2
Three-month tin, buyers 90 1/2
Three-month tin, sellers 90 1/2
Business done at 90 1/2
Settlement 90 1/2
—United Press.

Spot tin, buyers 90 1/2
Spot tin, sellers 90 1/2
Business done at 90 1/2
Three-month tin, buyers 90 1/2
Three-month tin, sellers

"WEETABIX" and Fruit
the ideal breakfast food

Solo Agents—DODWELL & CO., LTD.

CHINA MAIL

Established 1845

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FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1952.



Witness Cross-Examined On Chinese Language

(Continued from Page 1)

"Modern writing seems not yet to have worked out any rules." Referred to the headlines of the article, Mr. Barrett said that "cho kwok" which had been translated as "fatherland" meant ancestral land. Motherland was just as applicable.

Mr. Barrett said that the use of the words "British authorities" was amusing. The writer was trying to avoid using "the Government of Hongkong" but in each instance the use of "British authorities" was quite obviously referred to the Government of Hongkong.

It was an expression with a sneer the same as was used in reference to the Japanese occupation authorities during the war.

Opening his cross-examination, Mr. Chen asked witness to look at lines of the Yu Kung Pao and find the place giving the names of the printer, printer and publisher of the newspaper. Witness said all issues stated they were printed by the Yu Lee Co. Ltd. of 122, Connaught Road Central.

Witness also read an extract from it.

Mr. Chen: Are you going to stick to this statement of yours that most Chinese words mean plural unless the context shows the singular is meant?

Witness: Most Chinese nouns import the plural.

Is that one of your inventions or, shall we say, deductions of the study of the Chinese language?—It is not an invention. It is common knowledge.

Did Hilley write a text-book, and is that to be found there?—I learned most of my knowledge of Chinese from Gustav Halou, Professor of Chinese at Cambridge University. Can I give you an example?—Can I give the word "an." It could mean one man, but if there is nothing in the context to show singular or

plural it should be rendered in English as "men."

So this professor has added another to the things which seem to be upside down in Chinese life?—No. The professor endeavoured to explain to the students, not to add or take away.

JUDGE'S DIFFICULTY
And a Chinese mother, when she says good-bye to her child, does this (Counsel indicated the motion of waving with the palm of the hand turned down)?

His Lordship: "I find that kind of evidence very difficult to take down, Mr. Chen."

There was a roar of laughter in Court.

His Lordship: "I don't want any laughter. This is very difficult, Mr. Chen."

Witness: When she does that, she is beckoning.

Mr. Chen: That is what a foreign mother would do?—Yes. Added to this seemingly upside down or peculiar things you now tell us that the use of a noun in Chinese usually signifies the plural?—I never said anything in Chinese was upside down. I said that in translation a noun occurs by itself and the usual connotation is plural.

And that amazing general rule propounded by your professor applies to all Chinese nouns?—I don't see anything amazing. It is characteristic of the Chinese race.

What about the word "Hongkong"?—Is that singular or plural?—Hongkong is a place name. When you see the word "Hongkong" given as a place name it is singular, but it can also mean "fragrant harbours."

And the word "kong" meaning river, is that singular?—It means rivers in general.

"Mei Kwok" literally means what?—Beautiful country.

UNITED STATES
Do those words mean the United States of America, one nation?—The Chinese words for the United

States of America are "mei kwok luon pong."

What do you understand by the words "mei kwok"?—In modern Chinese newspapers it normally means America. It means the United States. For the American continent, the words are "mei chow."

In the general translation of the March 5 article from the Yu Kung Pao which you will agree with me is in the style of an editorial or a publication from a Peking newspaper, what style is that written in? Was that written by a man educated in South China or a man educated in North China?—It is poor literary style and shows the man had not received much education.

Referring witness to another portion of the same article, Mr. Chen asked witness what he thought of the style with regard to the education of the writer.

Witness replied that as a matter of opinion he would say it was pretty poor literary style. If case of his own pupils had written the portion of the article in that style he would send it back to be written again.

His Lordship enquired whether witness could say whether it was written by a Northerner or a Southerner.

Witness said there was no way of saying. There were one or two grammatical usages which were characteristic of the new style of writing which was based on northern colloquial. In the written context, there was no difference between north and south. There were only certain usages.

A QUOTATION
Mr. Chen: Do you agree this article is in the form of a protest?

Witness: No. The passage referred to purports to be a quotation, but does not end with the usual word which a quotation is ended.

You agree the whole of that reads as if it was a protest?—It purports to be a quotation of a protest.

It appears to be a recital?—Yes.

The operative part is "we wish" or "want" or "desire" to lodge our strong protest to the British authorities?—Yes.

You agree the words "British authorities" are clearly stated in the Chinese text?—Yes.

Nothing there about Imperialism or Imperialism?—No.

It is a definite statement of address, not something vague?—No. If I addressed a letter to you, I would write "Percy Chen, Esq."

We are dealing with an address to the British authorities. I would not say this was addressed to anybody, except the readers of the newspaper.

Witness did not answer, and his Lordship remarked he did not understand the question.

SHOOK HIS HEAD
Mr. Chen: The witness says no. Witness: I just shook my head because I did not understand your question.

So you shake your head when you do not understand. — If I meant to say no, I would say so.

You are not suggesting if this had come through the approved diplomatic channels you would consider it is real protest to the British authorities in Hongkong?—I don't see how I can answer that question. I am not a diplomat.

This is a direct reference, without equivocation at all, that the British authorities in Hongkong are being referred to?—Referred to, yes.

I put it to you that it is not "British authorities in Hongkong" but it is the "British authorities of Hongkong"?—The Chinese words "could" equally be either.

You don't agree with the translation?—I think there is a slip in the translation.

Who can say whether you are right or the translator is right?—I am looking at the Chinese words, Mr. Chen.

But Mr. Chan Kwok-ying, the translator, might also be right?—It is arguable.

The trial is proceeding.

RAINS BENEFIT RESERVOIRS
Approximately 180 million gallons of water were yielded to the Colony's reservoirs as a result of the rains during the past seven days, it was officially stated this morning.

The week's consumption was 186.14 million gallons, and the actual loss for the seven days was only 5.77 million gallons.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Certainly I'm still president of the bank—but a dirty sidewalk annoys me as much as your overdrawn account!"

Living Language

Why we say Copper's mark.

Thieves' slang is often very difficult to track down but "nark" comes directly from the Romany word "nark," a nose. A "copper's nark" is a police spy or informer who may be said to *smell* out the wanted information so as to pass it on to his employers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hare Problem

Sir—As a regular reader of Mr. Hare's problems in your paper I give below a real "hare" poser I have come across which may amuse the more mathematically-minded of your readers.

From the north-west corner of a rectangular walled field measuring 200 yards from west to east, and 100 yards from north to south, a hare sets off at a constant speed of 20 mph along the north side. At the same moment a hound starts out from the south-west corner at a fixed speed of 30 mph, heading directly towards the hare. How far has the hound run when it catches the hare?

The solution will be provided if anyone is interested.

"RABBIT"

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6:02 P.M. "Half Hour" by the "Piper" A. C. Carter by Trevor Roper (BBC); 6:30, Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai-ling and S. K. Lee (Studio); 6:50, Origin Solo by Charles-Marie Wilson; 7:00, News and News Talk (London Relay); 7:10, "Time Signal" (BBC); 7:15, "Time Signal" (BBC); 7:20, "Time Signal" (BBC); 7:25, "Time Signal" (BBC); 7:30, "Time Signal" (BBC); 7:35, "Time Signal" (BBC); 7:40, "Time Signal" (BBC); 7:45, "Time Signal" (BBC); 7:50, "Time Signal" (BBC); 7:55, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:00, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:05, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:10, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:15, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:20, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:25, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:30, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:35, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:40, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:45, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:50, "Time Signal" (BBC); 8:55, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:00, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:05, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:10, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:15, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:20, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:25, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:30, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:35, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:40, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:45, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:50, "Time Signal" (BBC); 9:55, "Time Signal" (BBC); 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